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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 34

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to study complete cultural competency training as a requirement for licensure in a health care profession.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council
2 to study complete cultural competency training as a requirement
3 for licensure in a health care profession.

4 *Whereas, Individuals from different cultures have different*
5 *health care needs;*

6 *Whereas, Cultural competency training for those seeking*
7 *health care profession licensure, excluding veterinarians,*
8 *would aid in better serving the needs of patients;*

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10 *Whereas, More than 20 states have already passed*
11 *legislation to improve cultural competency within the health*
12 *care system;*

13 *Whereas, Cultural competency training includes awareness*
14 *of cultural differences, the social and behavioral effects of these*
15 *differences on patients and other persons, knowledge of various*
16 *cultural groups with whom an individual is likely encounter,*
17 *skills to modify behavior to improve patient understanding and*
18 *compliance, and the ability to advocate for a patient in*
19 *obtaining necessary support to achieve improvement in patient*
20 *health;*



1 *Whereas, The Department of Health and Human Services*
2 *has drafted cultural competency guidelines and practices to*
3 *reduce the frequency of health disparities;*

4 *Whereas, Health disparities are a public health concern*
5 *because they adversely affect neighborhoods, communities, and*
6 *the broader society; and*

7 *Whereas, By providing a structure to implement culturally*
8 *and linguistically appropriate services, standards will improve*
9 *an organization's ability to address health care disparities:*
10 *Therefore,*

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
12 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

13 SECTION 1. The Legislative Council is urged to study the topic
14 of complete cultural competency training as a requirement for
15 licensure in a health care profession.

